

# Pokagon State Park

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## And Other Park Events

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### Potawatomi Inn Activities

**There are numerous activities that take place at the Potawatomi Inn.**  
The Inn is located on the shoreline of the third largest natural lake in Indiana, Lake James. The Potawatomi Inn provides many boating options for you to enjoy beautiful Lake James. Head on down to the boat rental to explore the lake in a kayak, paddle boat, row boat, or fishing boat. You can even rent a pontoon to tour the lake for the day! Check at the Inn front desk for more information about hours and pricing.

*Whether it's business or pleasure, the Potawatomi Inn has what you need...*



*All Programs are on Eastern Daylight Savings Time  
Catch this and all of your favorite State Park Interpretive Schedules at  
[www.interpretiveservices.in.gov](http://www.interpretiveservices.in.gov)*

### Friday, September 4

- 12:30pm **PARK PATCH & PIN PROGRAM** - This is a great program for all ages and families. Stop by the Nature Center and learn how you can earn a patch or pin.
- 3:00pm **ANIMAL FEEDING** - After you enjoy your picnic lunch at Pokagon, come to the Nature Center to see who will eat mice, worms, crickets and more!

### Saturday, September 5

- 8:30am **YOGA ON THE BEACH** - Join Jessica Cole from the Steuben County YMCA on the Potawatomi Inn Beach as she leads you through the practice of yoga with beautiful Lake James as your backdrop. This class is suitable for all age groups and skill levels. Registration starts at 8 a.m. and the cost is \$10 which is payable to the instructor.
- 12:30pm **PARK PATCH & PIN PROGRAM** - This is a great program for all ages and families. Stop by the Nature Center and learn how you can earn a patch or pin.
- 2:00pm **BOX TURTLE BONANZA** - Meet at the Nature Center to learn more about these beautiful creatures and their survival adaptations.

### Sunday, September 6

- 8:30am **BIRDS BEFORE BREAKFAST HIKE** - Join us for our traditional Sunday morning hike leaving from the Potawatomi Inn Sun Deck. We will go on a easy stroll through a variety of habitats to discover what species of birds we might see or hear.
- 12:30pm **PARK PATCH & PIN PROGRAM** - This is a great program for all ages and families. Stop by the Nature Center and learn how you can earn a patch or pin.
- 3:00pm **FROG & TOAD** - Do you know the difference between these two amphibians? This short talk will take you on a journey comparing them throughout their lifecycle. We will have create an origami frog to review what we learn.

### Monday, September 7

- 10am - 2pm **LABOR DAY DIGITAL CAMERA SCAVENGER HUNT** - In this fun game you can earn a small prize when you successfully take a picture with your cell phone or camera of all the items on our list. This is an informal program so stop by the Nature Center when you can.

**Nature Center Summer Hours Through Labor Day:** Daily 10am to 5pm

**Nature Center Hours After September 7th:** Weekdays 1 - 5pm & Weekends 10am - 5pm, CLOSED MONDAYS

## Saturday, September 12

- Early Morning **"HOME RUN" 5K RUN / 2-MILE WALK** - Come out and enjoy the beautiful Trine State Recreation Area as you run to support Habitat for Humanity in Northeastern Indiana. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. at the Wild Turkey Shelter. The race starts at 9:00 a.m. For more information visit [www.hfhnei.org](http://www.hfhnei.org).
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- 11 - 1pm **CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA** - This afternoon at the Pokagon State Park Potawatomi Inn Beach, the local Steuben County United Way will host its Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta. Potential boat builders and racers can contact United Way at (260) 665-6196 or at <http://unitedwaysteuben.org>. Even if you are not entering a boat, stop by to vote on your favorite watercraft and watch the great fun as they race. Boats will be on display beginning at 11:00 am. Race time is 1:00 pm.

## Sunday, September 13

- 12:30pm **PARK PATCH & PIN PROGRAM** - This is a great program for all ages and families. Stop by the Nature Center and learn how you can earn a patch or pin.
- 2:00pm **The Civilian Conservation Corps - An American Experience** - Gather in the Nature Center Auditorium where we will show a PBS - TV documentary on the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). This 60-minute program covers the great "make work" during the Great Depression.

## Saturday, September 19

- Early Morning **LACE UP FOR LITERACY 5K RUN/WALK & 1-MILE KID RUN** - Come out and enjoy the beautiful Trine State Recreation Area as you run to support the Steuben County Literacy Coalition. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. at the Wild Turkey Shelter. The race starts at 8:00 a.m. For more information visit [www.steubenliteracy.org](http://www.steubenliteracy.org).
- 12:30pm **PARK PATCH & PIN PROGRAM** - This is a great program for all ages and families. Stop by the Nature Center and learn how you can earn a patch or pin.
- 2:00pm **WETLAND WANDER** - On this hike we will learn more about wetlands and discover who might be using those surrounding Lake Lonidaw in the Potawatomi Nature Preserve. Gather at the Inn Main Entrance for this short walk. We will return within an hour.

## Sunday, September 20

- 8:30am **AUTUMN MORNING MEANDER** - Join us for our traditional Sunday morning hike leaving from the Potawatomi Inn Sun Deck. We will go on a easy stroll through a variety of habitats to discover what species of birds we might see or hear.
- 2:00pm **SENSATIONAL SASSAFRAS** - Discover fascinating facts about this common tree at Pokagon and then create your own jewelry from its twigs.

## Saturday, September 26

- 10:00am **National Public Lands Day: BEACH LITTER CLEAN-UP** - Join the Naturalist at Pokagon's Main Beach Parking Lot where we will scan the area all the way to the water looking for trash. We will then meet on the Beach to discuss ways we can create fun bubble makers from items that we
- 3:00pm **SURPRISE ANIMAL** - Stop by the Nature Center to see what resident reptile the Naturalist will present in this informal program.
- 7:30pm to 10:00pm **ANNUAL AUTUMN HARVEST HOEDOWN** - Come on down and gather at the South Beach Parking Lot for some music, square dancing, campfire, and all around great time! The music will be supplied by the Prairie Fire String Band. A square dance caller will lead us in the steps. No experience necessary. Local Boy Scout Troop 125 will be selling hotdogs, candy, pop and cocoa.

## Sunday, September 27

- 8:00am to 2:00pm **SEA PLANE SPLASH-IN** - Planes will be arriving all day on the Potawatomi Inn lawn. Stop by to view planes, talk with pilots and sign up for a drawing for a free ride. For more information, visit [www.seaplanepilots.org](http://www.seaplanepilots.org).
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- 8:00pm to 11:30pm **TOTAL LUNAR ECLIPSE VIEWING** - Join the park Naturalists and the Astronomical Society of Hillsdale County for an informal evening where we watch the moon start to pass through the Earth's shadow. Everyone will be able to look through telescopes and binoculars. This program is clear-sky dependent. Check status by calling the Pokagon Nature Center before 4:00 p.m., (260) 833-2012 and the Potawatomi Inn front desk after 4:00 p.m., (260) 833-1077.